

Mr. Speakers Speech

BEFORE HIS MAJESTIE,
And both the Houses of Parliament,
after his Returne from SCOTLAND, upon passing
the Bill for *Tunnage and Poundage*, on
Thursday the 2. of December.
Relating the present distempers of *England and Ireland*.

ALSO,
The Kings most excellent Majestie's

S P E E C H

To the Honourable House of PARLIAMENT,
the same Thursday Decemb. 2. 1641.



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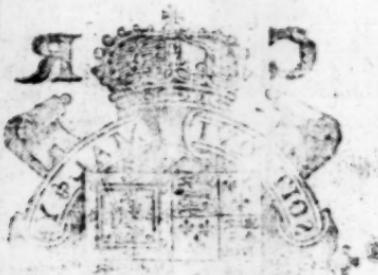
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He observation taken
from the unlike
Compositions, and
various motions of
the world, make the
Philosopher con-
clude, *Tot a hujus mun-
di concordia ex dif-
cordibus conflat.*

The happy conju-
ture of both these
Nations in the Triumph and Joy of your Sacred
presence, extracted from the different and divided
dispositions and opinions, gives us cause to observe
and to admire these blessed effects from such con-
trary causes. We may without flattery commend
your Sacred Majesty, the glorious Instrument of
this happy change, whose piety and prudence, di-
rected by the hand of God, hath contrated this u-
nion from these various discord.

The Story of these times will seeme paradoxes
in following generations, when they shall heare of
Peace sprung from the Root of dissencion, of uni-
on planted upon the Stocke of divisions, two Ar-
mies in the field both ready to strike the first
blow, and both united without a stroke.

Nothing can reduce these truths into a beliefe,

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but the knowledge of your piety and justice, who hath accomplisht these acts of wonder by goodness, and gentlenesse, without force and violence.

This way of conquest, this *bellum in cruentum*, hath been the Rule of the most valiant and puissant Monarchs, advancing your glory, in safe guard of one Subject, more in the death of a thousand enemies.

Thus have you erected a Monument of glory to your Sacred memory for all generations.

And as your care and piety for the welfare of your Northerne Kingdome called you to that worke for the great comfort of your people which your wisome hath so happily consummated: So now the distemper of your other Kingdome (Fomented by the same spirits, whose presence admits no peace in *Israel*) Calls on your providence to heale the diseases of that Nation.

The one from whence you returned, hath with *Abell* (though the elder brother) offered an acceptable Sacrifice: The other with *Cam* hath erected altars of blood and revengo (the old Immolations of chuiticall Priesthood) which invokes the necessity of your Justice.

The one to a naturall, hath added a politieke brotherhood.

The other of brothers (I am sorry to say it) are become strangers.

The fidelity of the one hath written a Story of admiration to the world.

The disloyaltie of the other hath paralleld that horrid Designe (matchlesse before amongst all generations) First in their intention, the destruction

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on of a Kingdome, even then when Unity and Peace was tying the knot of Religion and safety.

In the Discoverie a moment of time prevented the execution.

In the actors (Jesuites and Priests) without whom the malice of the Devill could not have found a party in the world fitted to act over the like bloody tragedy.

But this amongst our many Joyes we receive by Your happie returne is not the least, nay the greatest, That that providence which protected that gracious King, your most religious Father, from that bloody Attempt, and increased the blessing of a long and happie Raigne, hath also defended your Sacred throne from all their Machinations.

Thus we see Religion is the greatest policie, the never-failing support of King and Kingdome, that which Firmes your and your posterity to your Throne, and our duty and obedience to it.

Give me leave here most gracious Soveraigne, to summe up the sense of eleven Moneths observation without intermission (scarce) of a day, nay an hour in that day, to the hazard of life and fortune, and to reduce all into this Conclusion, The Endeavours of your Commons assembled, guided by Your pious and religious example, is to preserve Religion in its purity without mixture or composition, against these subtile invaders ; and with our lives and fortunes to establish these Thrones to your Sacred person, and those

beames of Majestie; your Royall Progony, against treason and rebellion.

The wayes that conduce to this end are the defence of the Land and Sea, for the one, we have already voted to raise monies, for the other, this Bill in some measure will accomplish for a little time, and to that end I by the Command of the Commons) humbly beseech your

Royall assent.

That this Bill be nowe sent to the Commons, and may be considered in their next meeting, and if theye shall assent thereto, then it shall be sent to the Kinge, and if hee shall assent thereto, then it shall be sent to the Parliament, to be made into an Act.

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His Majesties SPEECH the 2. of

December.



Am to speake a word unto you, since I have bin so long absent from you; It is no way in answer to the Learned Speech of Mr. Spesker: But yet I shall touch one point of it concerning *Ireland*; But first I must tell you, though I have been absent longer then

indeed I did expect, or could have bin expected by you, yet I stayed no longer in *Scotland* then the necessity of those affayres would absolutely permit, and indeed I have therein done so much good, that I will boldly affirme unto you, that I have left the people a most contented and happy Nation; That if I did misreckon a little in time I doe not misreckon in the end.

Now though I have deceived you a little of your expectation in point of time, I confess you have deceived my expectation in finding of busiaesse here; for I had thought to have found things in quietnesse and settled both for Religion and peace of this Kingdome, but I found distractions, such as I could not expect, In so much, as the Parliament was thought fit to be guirded, this I speake not any way to seeke out a fault, or to have any distrust of the hearty affecti-

ons of my Subjects, but on the contrary when I came here (as you all see) I found the affection of my people vnto me, to my great comfort.

Now I assure you, I come with the same affection that you or any good people of the world could wish, for I am so farre from disliking any thing that I have done hitherto, that if it were to doe againe (in the favour and good of my people) that I protest I would doe it againe.

And whatsoever may be justly expected of me for the securing of Religion and Liberty of my people, I shall not faile to doe it, and therefore I shall mention no particular at this time, but onely that great particular of *Ireland*, which Mr. Speaker did mention, of which I doe not doubt, but you have had a great care, yet me thinkes, things goe on slowly; and I mention this more reasonably, because a couple of Noblemen are come out of *Scotland* according to the Petition and Instructions, which it pleased both Houses to send vnto me at *Sarwicke*, which I instantly dispatched to the Chancellor, who now have the disposing of all things. I spoke to them this morning, and I decreed both Houses to appoynt a select Committee and make an end of thar businesse with them.

I have but this word more to say, that I assure you, I have no other end but the happinesse of my People, for their flourishing, is my greatest Glory, and their affection, my greatest strength.

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